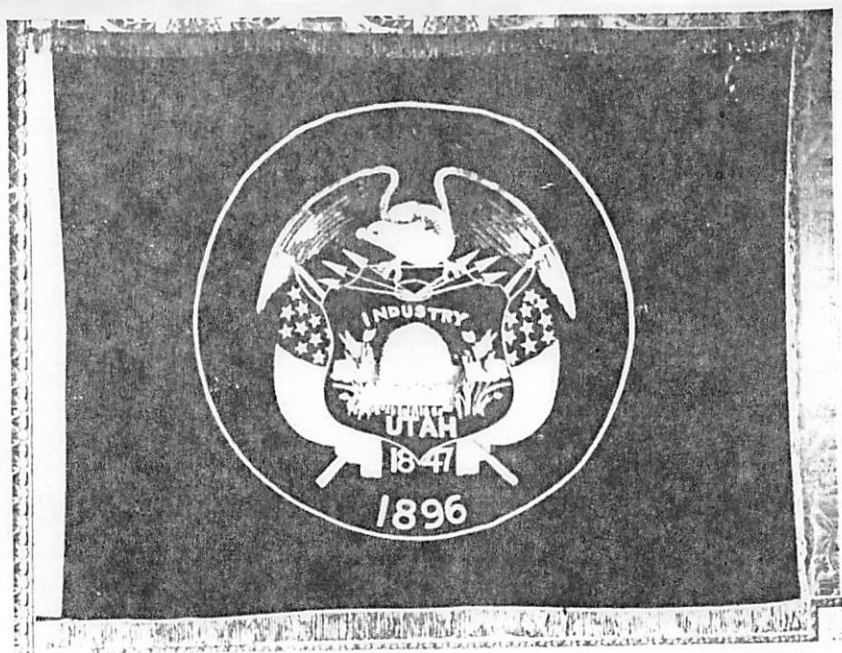


STATE HOUSE AT FILLMORE, UTAH

Acting under the authorization of the Enabling Act, a constitutional convention convened on March 4, 1895, in the Salt Lake City and County Building. This was the seventh constitution prepared by the people of Utah. The two unusual features of this constitution were that it accorded women equal suffrage with men and polygamous or plural marriages were forever prohibited in Utah.

The constitution was ratified by the people of Utah during the autumn and sent to Washington. Then state officials were elected while the citizens anxiously awaited the final approval of the federal government. Finally, on January 4, 1896, the long looked for day came. President Cleveland proclaimed Utah as the 45th State of the Union.

It was on Saturday forenoon that the eagerly-awaited tidings reached Salt Lake City. The reception of the news was made known by the signal of firing of a shot in front of the Western Union Telegraph Office.



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